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Engaged in Field Trips

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various field trips undertaken for the purpose of
acquiring flora and fauna specimens for the museum collection. The stimulus for
most trips rested with the assistant directors or their superior, the director
himself. Discussions would be held by the members of the assistant director's
division, who would draw up a proposal, including area of USSR to be visited,
purpose of trip, complement, and a budget. This proposal had to be first circu-
lated amongst the various museum divisions for indications of interest by staff
members. All divisions had the privilege of requesting that their particular
field of interest be indulged with a reasonable number of specimens, thus normally
increasing the requested budget. The overall plan was then handed to the museum
director who had the power of passing, altering, or vetoing. If the director
passed a plan, it was then given to the comptroller of the University, who had the
privilege of altering the budget if necessary or giving final approval. Univer-
sity funds were allocated by the Ministry of Education each fiscal year, and
field trips usually were planned for the end of that year when unused funds were
dumped indiscriminately in order to justify a like fund again.

2. No special permits or papers were necessary for personnel or equipment while
working in the interior of USSR, except for a valid Soviet passport.
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50X1 point of origin were necessary. in Georgia SSR in
1939, border police required to request permission from them to travel
from town to town.

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4. Travel was usually via rail, except in working areas where cars or wagons were
used.

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